THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The details of daily average wagon loading in the subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd. and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. during the year 1990-91 and during April-Novemer, 1991 (Provisional) are given as under:—

(In Four Wheeler Wagons per day)

| Name of coal Company | 1990-91 | (April to November '91) (unreconciled) |
|---|---|---|
| Eastern Coalfields Ltd. | 1978 | 1901 |
| Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. | 2129 | 2316 |
| Central Coalfields Ltd. | 2503 | 2570 |
| Northern Coalfields Ltd. | 1345 | 1298 |
| South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. | 3791 | 4207 |
| Western Coalfields Ltd. | 1493 | 1500 |
| North Eastern Coalfields Ltd. | 90 | 100 |
| Total Coal India Limited | 13329 | 13592 |
| Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. | 1236 | 1201 |

(b) and ( c) There has been percepti ble improvement in overall daily average loading performance during the current year. Steps are being taken to further improve rail loading by closely monitoring daily performance of despatch in co-ordination with Railways.

**Closvre of coal mines**

2525. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have closed down coal mines during the post-nationalisation period; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Changes in coal mining policies**

2526. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are consider ing radical changes in the coal mining policies; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) It has been suggested that new coal based thermal power plants may be allowed their own captive coal mines. The Government is yet to take a view on this suggestion.

**कोयला का उत्पादन लक्ष्य**

2527. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के लिए कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड, टिस्को और इस्को द्वारा कोयले के उत्पादन का क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ;

(ख) बिहार में कोयला खानों के आधुनिकीकरण के लिए वर्तमान योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और इन पर कितना धन व्यय होने का संभावना है ; और

(ग) बी०सी०सी०एल०, सी०सी० एल० और ई० सी०एल० के संदर्भ में पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक ग्रेड